

DISAPPEARANCE

Eve of 20th wedding
anniversary we try to
listen to Isaac Stern
play Brahms while police
helicopter flutters erratically over
neighborhood spotlight crisscrossing streets
roofs backyards & loudspeaker squawks
Cathy Harlan, go home!
Cathy Harlan, call your mother!
3 days later we read
two fishermen find 9 year
old Cathy head smashed
in Sacramento River
15 miles from home.

PETE RANZANY

You didn't fail us.
You didn't know
what hit you
in the fourth
but you got up.
We knew you'd
die before you'd
quit that's why
we paid to watch
you fight & built
you up in our
imaginations.
You were our champ
but we were your
nemesis pushing
you toward a dream
you were ill
equipped to realize.